

City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

October 18, 2013

PENACOOK UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Utility infrastructure improvements and bridge repairs continue in Penacook Village. The utility contractor has completed installation of conduit duct banks through Sanders Street and will continue through Canal Street next week. Paving of trenches is expected early next week as work areas are completed. The bridge contractor has completed the placement of concrete on the northwest expansion joint and will complete the southwest expansion joint next week. Although traffic can flow through the work site, minor delays are expected from time to time.



LOUDON ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

On Sunday night, October 20th, the contractor will be relaying water services on Old Loudon Road. Next week, beginning on Monday night, the contractor will relay water services between the entrance to Woodcrest Heights and Longhorn's Steak House.



LOUDON ROAD BRIDGE INSPECTION

On Tuesday, October 22nd, the NH Department of Transportation will be inspecting the underside of the Loudon Road Bridge which runs over the Merrimack River. They will use a special vehicle equipped with an extended arm to access the underside of the bridge. This type of inspection occurs every 60 months.

In order to conduct the inspection, the right lane of the bridge for westbound traffic will be closed from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM; and the left lane of the bridge for eastbound traffic will be closed from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Traffic delays are expected and drivers are encouraged to take an alternate route if possible.

ANNUAL FALL LEAF PICK-UP



The General Services Department will begin its annual residential leaf pickup program on October 28th. The program will run through approximately December 13th, dependent on winter weather. Residents may place their leaves unbagged at the curbside and the crews will pick them up.

There will be three crews. One crew will start at the Bow town line on South Street and work north; a second crew will start on Elm Street in Penacook and work south; and a third crew will start on Manchester Street and work north on the east side of the Merrimack River.

Only leaves will be picked up! Any unacceptable material, which has been illegally deposited in the public right-of-way, MUST be removed by the abutting landowner. Examples of unacceptable material include branches, brush, concrete, metal goods and construction demolition material.



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PICKLEBALL!



The Parks & Recreation Department is offering a new program for senior citizens called Pickleball. Pickleball is a cross between tennis and table tennis and is one of the fastest growing sports in the country for seniors. Pickleball for seniors will be offered on Tuesdays from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM, and Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to noon, at the new Heights Community Center. The cost is \$2.00 and all equipment is provided.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT



The Parks & Recreation Department has finished installing new playground equipment and safety surfacing at the Heights Community Center. These improvements were paid for by the NH Charitable Foundation.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OPEN HOUSE DRAWS A CROWD

The Concord Fire Department held an Open House at Central Fire Station last week that drew over 150 people. The event featured interactive safety activities, a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog, and a demonstration of the City's new tower ladder. Special thanks to Concord's Fire Explorer Post members who served as guides for the participants. Activities continue throughout the month of October with school visits and other events designed to promote fire safety.





CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Teen Zone: Did you know that the Library has a dedicated space just for teens that includes two computers? The Teen Zone also has a great collection of YA novels, including a large number of graphic novels. The Library hosts events for teens and we are always looking for more teens to attend the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meetings. Visit www.concordnh.gov/library for book lists, book award information, and upcoming events.

Concord Reads - Life in the Arts Day

For adults; Saturday, October 26th, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The day will include a morning "Understanding Poetry" workshop led by Alice B. Fogel, author of *Strange Terrain: A Poetry Handbook for the Reluctant Reader*. In the afternoon, participants can unleash their creative powers in an interactive workshop led by Joni B. Cole, Alice B. Fogel, and Deborah Brown. Selections of Kumin's work will be used as the jumping off point for participants to generate their own writing. Participants will leave this workshop invigorated with tools to counteract "writer's block" and with new work.

Children's Programs:

Toddler Tales: Monday, October 21st, 10:30 AM **Family Storytime:** Wednesday, October 23rd, 10:30 AM **Paws for Pages:** Wednesday, October 23rd, 3:30 PM

Lapsit: Thursday, October 24th, 10:30 AM

Castaway Challenge: Thursday, October 24th, 3:30 PM

